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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Application No.: 09/586,964

Art Unit: 1761

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Examiner: L. Wong

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING
PREPARED FROM LIQUID
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND
SORBITOL

Date: November 7, 2001

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO
REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A process for producing the sugar-free hard-coated comestible according to claim 1, said process comprising:

providing a moving mass comprised of edible, chewable and/or pharmaceutical cores, said mass being disposed in a rotating pan, and

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preparing at least one layer of said hard coating by adding a liquid coating syrup to said moving mass, said syrup comprising a mixture of sorbitol and erythritol in which erythritol is present in an amount of 1-50% w/w based on the dry substance of the mixture.

See Appendix for amendments.